

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original): A wave plate comprising two or more retardation films, wherein the retardation films are not bonded to each other in the laser beam transmission area.

Claim 2 (Original): The wave plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the retardation films are bonded to each other in at least a part of other area than the laser beam transmission area.

Claim 3 (Original): The wave plate as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein at least a part of the retardation film is fixed to a substrate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The wave plate as claimed in any one of claims 1 to [[3]] 2, wherein the retardation film comprises a cycloolefin resin film.

Claim 5 (Original): A wave plate comprising at least two retardation films which are laminated on each other, on at least one surface of said laminated retardation films a glass substrate being laminated, wherein the retardation films, and the retardation film and the glass substrate are lamination-fixed respectively with different adhesives which are selected from the following adhesives (A) and (B):

an adhesive (A) having a glass transition temperature of not higher than 0°C and a Young's modulus at 23°C of not more than 10 MPa, and

an adhesive (B) having a glass transition temperature of not lower than 40°C and a Young's modulus at 23°C of not less than 30 MPa,

with the proviso that a difference in glass transition temperature between the adhesive (A) and the adhesive (B) is 60°C or more and a difference in Young's modulus at 23°C between the adhesive (A) and the adhesive (B) is 40 MPa or more.

Claim 6 (Original): The wave plate as claimed in claim 5, wherein on both surfaces of the laminated retardation films glass substrates are laminated, the retardation films are lamination-fixed to each other with the adhesive (A), and the retardation film and the glass substrate are fixed to each other with the adhesive (B).

Claim 7 (Original): The wave plate as claimed in claim 5 or 6, wherein the retardation films are films obtained by stretch-orientating cycloolefin resin films.

Claim 8 (Original): A process for producing a wave plate, comprising laminating at least two retardation films on each other and laminating a glass substrate on at least one surface of the laminated retardation films, wherein the retardation films, and the retardation film and the glass substrate are lamination-fixed respectively with different adhesives which are selected from the following adhesives (A) and (B):

an adhesive (A) having a glass transition temperature of not higher than 0°C and a Young's modulus at 23°C of not more than 10 MPa, and

an adhesive (B) having a glass transition temperature of not lower than 40°C and a Young's modulus at 23°C of not less than 30 MPa,

with the proviso that a difference in glass transition temperature between the adhesive (A) and the adhesive (B) is 60°C or more and a difference in Young's modulus at 23°C between the adhesive (A) and the adhesive (B) is 40 MPa or more.